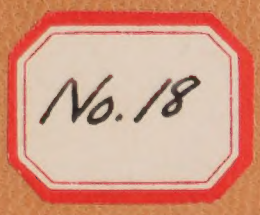
Victorville



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Last mammal No — 1859

Last bird No. —— 7884

March 23-07

Arrived at Victorville at 12:30 P.M. After making camp, I went out across the creosote-bush & yucca desert. Saw just 4 species of birds, the sage sparrow, the sage thrasher raven & turkey vulture. The first & second named species were, as usual very wild, tho I saw perhaps a dozen of each. There were about 6 vultures & 2 ravens.

1860 Perodipus ♂ jv.
1861 Peromyscus stephensi ♀

March 24

1862 Peromyscus stephensi ♂
1863 Citellus b. fisheri ♂
1864 Perognathus bangsi ♂
1865 " " ♂
1866 " formosus ♀
1867 " " ♂
1868 " " ♂
1869 " " ♂
1870 " " ♀
1871 Microtus ♀
1872 " ♂
1873 Neotoma desertorum ♂
7885 Sage Thrasher ♂
7886 " " ♂
7887 " " ♀

1874 Neotoma mojavensis ♂
7888 Sage Sparrow ♂
7889 " " ♀
1875 Reithrodontomys ♂
7890 West. Meadowlark ♂
7891 Tree Swallow ♀
1876 Neotoma desertorum ♂
1877 " " ♂
1878 Ammospermophilus ♂
1879 " ♀
7892 West. Vesper Sparrow ♀

March 25.

1880 Peromyscus stephensi ♀
1881 " " ♂
1882 Neotoma desertorum ♂ jr.
1883 Microtus ♀
1884 Perognathus formosus ♀
1885 Neotoma desertorum ♂
1886 " " ♀
1887 Perognathus bangsi ♂
1888 Onychomys ♀
7893 Calif. Horned Lark ♂
1889 Dipodomys ♀
1890 " ♂
7894 West. Savanna Sparrow ♂
1891 Reithrodontomys ♂
1892 Peromyscus s. deserticola ♂

1893 Reithrodontomys ♂

1894 Peromyscus s. deserticola ♂

1895 " " " ♂

1896 " " " ♂

1897 Perognathus formosus ♂

1898 Dipodomys ♀

The three days have been continuously raw and windy (S W). Cloud lie over the Sierra Madre Mts. and fine rain drops often drive along with the wind, altho the sun is shining. They evaporate at once, tho. Have seen large numbers of cliff and tree swallows going NW against the wind. Birds are hard to see in the swaying foliage, and lie low everywhere. Linnets are common, as well as moulting intermediate sparrows (several shot & caught in traps are not l. leucophrys); several west. Lark sparrows, west. savanna sparrows, and one west. vesper sparrow; a few Brewer blackbirds in town. Saw several bush-tits, and one nest with eggs reported; California jays are common in the cottonwoods. Audubon Warblers are numerous, and becoming full-plumaged. Meadowlarks are singing in spite of the wind. One ♂ redpoll linnet, and a red-shafted flicker. Horned larks, 10 or 12 in a flock on ground in front of store.

Mar. 26

1899 Microtus ♂ Mar. 26, 1907.

1900 " ♂ " "

1901 Perognathus bangsi ♂

1902 " " ♀

1903 " " ♂

1904 Dipodomys m. similus ♂

1905 Onychomys ♀

1906 Neotoma desertorum ♂

1907 " " ♀

1908 Perognathus formosus ♂

7895 West. Lark Sparrow ♂

7896 West. Vesper Sparrow ♂

1909 Ammospermophilus ♂

1910 Dipodomys m. similus ♂

7897 Sierra Junco ♂

1911 Peromyscus s. desertícola ♂

1912 " " " ♂

7898 Yellowthroat ♂

7899 West. Bluebird ♀

1913 Ammospermophilus ♂

Mar. 27

1914 Neotoma desertorum ♀

1915 " " ♂

1916 " f. mohavensis ♀

1917 Thomomys ♀

1918 Perognathus bangsi ♂

1919 " " ♂

1920 Dipodomys simiolus ♀

1921 Peromyscus descrticola ♀

1922 Dipodomys simiolus ♀

1923 Onychomys ♀

1924 Neotoma f. mojavensis ♀

1925 Perognathus medius ♂ (stephensi)

1926 Dipodomys simiolus ♂

1927 Peromyscus stephensi ♂

1928 " " ♂

1929 Dipodomys simiolus ♂

7900 Cal. Shrike ♀ (full-sized & shelled egg in oviduct)

1930 Dipodomys simiolus ♂

1931 " " ♂

1932 " " ♂

1933 " " ♂

1934 Mephitis o. holzneri ♀ (6 embryos) – no skin.

1935 Ammospermophilus ♀ (8 embryos)

1936 " ♀

1937 Peromyscus stephensi ♂

1938 Dipodomys simiolus ♂

7901 Rock Wren ♂

1 March 28

1939 Onychomys ♀

1940 Perognathus bangsi ♂

1941 Neotoma desertorum ♀

1942 " " ♀

1943 " " ♂

1944 Neotoma desertorum ♀

1945 Perognathus stephensi ♀

1946 Neotoma desertorum ♂

7902 Ashy Kinglet ♂

7903 " " ♂

7904 Golden Pileolated Warbler ♂

1947 Dipodomys similis ♀

7905 Dwarf Hermit Thrush ♀

7906 Brewer Blackbird ♂

7907 Willow Woodpecker ♂

1948 Raccoon ♀ (3 emb.) 771 x 275 x 110

This morning was perfectly clear, tho frosty. There being no wind I went down thru the cottonwoods along the river. Birds didn't seem to me to be as plentiful as in midwinter two years ago. I think this largely due to the present absence of mistletoe berries. There are now no cedar waxwings, phainopeplas or solitaires to be seen. Even bluebirds are relatively scarce. Today I saw birds as follows:—

Western Robin (Perhaps six quiet among willows & cottonwoods); Western Bluebird (few, one apparently prospecting for a nest-hole in a woodpecker tree); Western Gnatcatcher (2 pairs); Bushtit (few); Dwarf-hermit Thrush (6 or more on ground or drift along river);

Ashy Kinglet (not over 6); San Diego Wren (3 or 2 pairs in drift snags); Parkman Wren (1 in full song); West. Yellowthroat (very common in "sage" brush + snags - 25 or 30 seen + heard; evidently in full migration); Tolmie Warbler (2 or 3 seen plainly + other notes heard); Audubon Warbler (common); Golden Pileolated Warbler (1 shot = only one seen); Song Sparrow (scarce, not more than 8 seen or heard); West. savanna Sparrow (several in alfalfa patch); Lawrence Goldfinch (several feeding among cottonwood catkins); Brewer Blackbird (common in pasture); Red-wing Blackbird (half-a-dozen along slough); Cabanis Woodpecker (several); Willow Woodpecker (5 shot the only one seen — not found 2 years ago); Red-shafted Flicker ("singing" loudly); Killdeer (several in pasture); Black-crowned Night Heron (one flushed from margin of willow-slough); Mourning Dove (a pair seen in about same place by railroad every day); Western Red-tail Hawk (2); Cooper Hawk (1 pair, with nest 35 feet up in cotton wood complete but with no eggs yet); 1 sparrow hawk; Turkey Vulture (several); Am. Raven (1 pair); Black Phoebe (2); Violet-green Swallow (8 or 10).

This afternoon I went out onto the desert. Saw many sage thrashers. They have an individuality in posture + flight which distinguishes them from any other species I ever saw. They always fly up to the top of the bush after running along the ground between bushes. They fly lots more than a Crissal Thrasher, and are very shy. Saw 2 or more Black-throated Sparrows, many Western Lark Sparrows; Intermediate Sparrows, several small scattering parties of horned larks. A flock of a dozen white-throated swifts were flying around the cliffs at the narrows this evening. Saw a pair of rock wrens there, too.

March 29

1949 Perognathus bangsi ♀
1950 Perodipus panamintinus ♀
1951 Perognathus bangsi ♂
1952 " formosus ♀
1953 Ammospermophilus ♂
1954 " ♂
7908 Black-throated Sparrow ♂
7909 Horned Lark ♂
7910 " " ♀
1955 Citellus b. fisheri ♀

7911 Sage Thrasher ♂
7912 " " ♂
1956 Perodipus panamintinus ♀
1957 " " ♀
1958 Peromyscus stephensi ♂
1959 Onychomys ♀
1960 Neotoma desertorum ♂
1961 Perognathus bangsi ♂
1962 Neotoma desertorum ♂
1963 Peromyscus stephensi ♀
1964 " " ♀
1965 " " ♀
1966 " " ♂
1967 Thomomys ♀ March 30, 1907
1968 Perognathus formosus ♂
1969 Perognathus bangsi ♂
1970 " " ♀
1971 " " ♂
1972 Perodipus ♂
1973 " ♂
1974 Neotoma desertorum ♂
7913 Black-throated Sparrow ♂
1975 Neotoma desertorum ♂
1976 " " ♂
1977 " " ♂

It is eight o'clock P.M. Camp, Tufts, and Jones have just returned from a long tramp

this afternoon. They went to the rocky hill on the other side of the river to lay for ravens. They wandered along to the northward over the next hill, watching the actions of three ravens. Finally they saw the three ravens circling around a certain Large Boulder on a certain hill when one suddenly dashed in, settling in a ledge. The others kept on circling. So the boys went up toward this hill and Camp noticed the raven fly out from this ledge. Finally they were able to climb up above the ledge and Camp clambered down thru a crack so as to get a view of it. What was his delight to find five large blue ravens eggs in plain sight! But they were out of reach. A forked stick was rigged up with a handkerchief and the eggs were secured however, in spite of the obstacles. Five handkerchiefs served as egg-cases, and the precious eggs were safely carried home in the boys' hands.

The boys also report seeing a roadrunner and several jacks. Tufts shot a black-throated sparrow with his rifle in the breast, which I stuffed.

This morning Camp caught another Phaphitis. A fat old male. This skunk

appeared to be a veteran, for one of his feet was entirely gone, and he had to walk on a stump. His skull was cracked and he was fat so I did not put him up.

It is still warm weather; have seen no reptiles, but ants and flies are beginning to "get busy" and mammals quickly decay.

Mar. 31, 1907.

7914 Black-throated Sparrow. ♂

7915 " " " ♂

1978 Perognathus formosus ♂

1979 " " ♀

Today we have been for a good long walk out on the desert. This is the first really warm day we have had. Insects and lizards have been very active today, and we secured several very interesting kinds of lizards. We picked up a turtle a mile and a half from the river at least, and up on an exposed side of the hill where it was very warm and dry. Almost every rock had its lizard. We secured one snake.

Mammals are exceedingly active, and we are having very good success with our traps. We catch mostly Neotoma desertorum, Perognathus bangsi, and Dipodomys merriami.

The purpose of our trip was to secure a

raven. The we did not get one, we thought that our lizards compensated for that. Furthermore, we examined two raven's nests. The most abundant birds on the rocky parts of the desert were the black throated sparrow, with occasional linnets, rock-wrens, and intermediate sparrows. We saw one pair of turkey buzzards. Probably they are nesting somewhere. We saw several ravens, but did not get any good shots at them.

One of the nests we examined was the one from which the boys got the set of five eggs. This nest is located on a cliff of decomposing granite, on a ledge perhaps thirty feet above the level of the hill upon which the granite rock or cliff is located. It is composed of a great heap of sticks and the lining was soft. It appeared to be rabbit fur. Above the nest the cliff overhangs so that access to it would be impossible were it not for the fact that there is a crack or rift down which one may clamber to within a few feet of it. This morning (the boy took the eggs yesterday) the nest was all torn to pieces. Probably the disappointed ravens destroyed it.

William Tufts discovered an old raven's

nest on another rocky cliff across a canyon to the east of this one. This nesting site was in almost an identical situation, on a ledge under a beetling cliff. Camp was finally successful in looking into it. It was constructed of large sticks, and located twenty or twenty five feet above the level of the hill.

1980 Perognathus formosus ♂

April 1, 1907

1981 Neotoma desertorum ♂

1982 " " ♂

1983 " " ♂

1984 Thomomys ♂

1985 Peromyscus stephensi ♂

1986 " " ♀

1987 " " ♂

1988 Dipodomys merriami ♀

1989 " " ♀

Today has been a very windy day. It started out cloudy, and gradually the wind increased in velocity. It is, however, a very warm wind. This afternoon a few scattering rain-drops fell.

Bullock's orioles are much in evidence. We yesterday saw two males with one female busily looking over the cottonwoods in front of the house. Vigors' wrens are now in full song. I heard and saw both Astragalinus psaltria

and Astragalus Lawrencei up in the rocks this afternoon. We captured a Geococcyx californianus in a steel trap. Black-throated sparrows, rock-wrens, sayis phoebe, ravens, and various birds were observed. The white-throated swifts at the narrows make a great fuss all the time over their nest building. William Tift shot a large Black water Bird with a very long hooked Bill and totipalmate feet. He called it a hell-diver. The lagoons about here teem with various water birds.

April 2, 1907

7916 Geococcyx californianus ♂
1990 Dipodomys merriami ♀
1991 " " ♀
1992 Neotoma desertorum ♂
1993 Perognathus bangsi ♂
1994 " " ♂
1995 Microtus californicus ♀
1996 Neotoma desertorum ♀
1997 " " ♀
1998 " " ♀
1999 " " ♂
2000 " " ♂

April 3, 1907

2001 Dipodomys merriami ♂
2002 Peromyscus desertícola? ♂

2003 Perognathus bangsi ♂.

2004 " " ♂

2005 " " ♀

2006 " " ♂

2007 Coyote ♂ 1150 x 365 x 160

2008 Microtus californicus ♂

2009 Perognathus formosus ♂

Heard a canyon wren up in the rocks this afternoon
Linnets are busy building nests.

April 4, 1907.

2010 Peromyscus deserticola ♂

2011 " " ♂

2012 " " ♀

2013 Perognathus panamintinus bangsi ♂

2014 Peromyscus stephensi. ♀

2015 Microtus californicus ♂

2016 Thomomys ♂

2017 Perodipus ♀

2018 Lynx californicus eremicus ♀ 727 x 165 x 138

2019 Neotoma desertorum ♀ jv.

2020 Perognathus bangsi ♀

April 5, 1907

7917 Ictenus bullocki ♂

2021 Mephitis o. holzneri ♂ (no skin)

2022 Onychomys pulcher ♂ B.B.

2023 " " ♂ B.B.

2024 " " ♂ B.B.

2025 Peromyscus stephensi ♀

2026 " " ♂

7918 Cathartes aura ♂

2027 Neotoma desertorum ♂

2028 Microtus californicus ♂

2029 Ammospermophilus leucurus ♀

7919 Salpinotes absoletus ♂

2030 Rhithrodontomys longicauda ♂

2031 Dipodomys merriami ♀

2032 Neotoma desertorum ♀ ♂

April 6, 1907.

2033 Mephitis occidentalis hollensis ♂ (no skin)

2034 Lynx californicus eremicus ♂ (no skin)

2035 Perognathus formosus ♂

2036 Microtus californicus ♂

2037 Onychomys? ♀

2038 Dipodomys merriami ♀

2039 " " ♀

2040 Neotoma desertorum ♂ juv.

List of Mammals Sent Home

number			
1.	2041	Microtus ♀	3/24/1907
2.	2042	Dipodomys merriami ♂	"
3.	2043	Peromyscus desticolus ♀	"
4.	2044	" " ♂	"
5.	2045	" " ♀	"
6.	2046	" " ♂	"
7.	2047	" " ♀	"
8.	2048	Reithrodontomys ♂	"
9.	2049	Perognathus formosus ♂	3/25/1907
10.	2050	Dipodomys merriami ♀	"
11.	2051	Perognathus formosus ♂	"
12.	2052	Peromyscus desticolus ♂	"
13.	2053	" " ♂	"
14.	2054	" " ♂	"
15.	2055	" " ♂	"
16.	2056	" " ♂	3/26/1907
17.	2057	" " ♂	"
18.	2058	" " ♂	"
19.	2059	Mus musculus ♂	"
20.	2060	Dipodomys merriami ♂	"
21.	2061	Perognathus formosus ♂	"
22.	2062	Perognathus bangsi ♂	"
23.	2063	Perognathus formosus ♀	"
24.	2064	Dipodomys merriami ♂	"
25.	2065	" " ♂	"
26.	2066	Perognathus formosus ♀	3/27/1907
27.	2067	Peromyscus desticolus ♂	"

28.	2068	Reithrodontomys	♂	3/27/07
29.	2069	Oxychomys	♂	"
30.	2070	Dipodomys merriami	♀	"
31.	2071	"	♀	"
32.	2072	Perognathus longi	♀	"
33.	2073	"	♂	"
34.	2074	"	♂	"
35.	2075	"	♂	
36.	2076	Peromyscus stephensi	♂	3/28/07
37.	2077	Oxychomys	♂	"
38.	2078	Peromyscus desertícolus	♂	"
39.	2079	Peromyscus stephensi	♂	"
40.	2080	Reithrodontomys	♂	"
41.	2081	Dipodomys merriami	♂	"
42.	2082	"	♂	"
43.	2083	Perognathus formosus	♂	"
44.	2084	"	♂	3/29/07
45.	2085	Peromyscus stephensi	♂	"
46.	2086	Peromyscus desertícolus	♂	"
47.	2087	Dipodomys merriami	♂	"
48.	2088	Perognathus formosus	♂	"
49.	2089	Dipodomys merriami	♂	"
50.	2090	Perognathus formosus	♀	"
51.	2091	Ammospermophilus	♂	"
52.	2092	Peromyscus stephensi	♂	"
53.	2093	Neotoma desertorum	♀	"
54.	2094	Peromyscus stephensi	♂	"

5.	2045	Perognathus	bangsi	♂	3/29/07
6.	2046	Onychomys		♂	3/30/07
7.	2097	Perognathus	bangsi	♂	"
8.	2098	"	"	♂ "60"	"
8a.	2098a	Onychomys		♂	"
9.	2099	Perognathus	bangsi	♂	"
10.	2100	Perognathus	formosus	♀	"
11.	2101	Perognathus	bangsi	♂	"
12.	2102	Dipodomys	merriami	♀	"
13.	2103	Perognathus	formosus	♂	"
14.	2104	Dipodomys	merriami	♂	"
15.	2105	Perognathus	formosus	♀	"
16.	2106	Dipodomys	merriami	♂	"
17.	2107	"	"	♂	"
18.	2108	Perognathus	bangsi	♂	3/31/07
19.	2109	"	"	♂	"
20.	2110	"	"	♂	"
21.	2111	"	"	♂	"
22.	2112	"	"	♂	"
23.	2113	Onychomys	torridus	♀	"
24.	2114	Peromyscus	desertícolus	♀	"
25.	2115	Dipodomys	merriami	♂	"
26.	2116	Peromyscus	desertícolus	♂	"
27.	2117	Dipodomys	merriami	♂	"
28.	2118	"	"	♀	"
29.	2119	"	"	♂	"
30.	2120	Perognathus	bangsi	♂	4/1/07
31.	2121	"	"	♂	"

82.	2122	Perognathus baugsi	♂	4/1/07
83.	2123	" "	♂	"
84.	2124	" "	♂	"
85.	2125	" "	♂	"
86.	2126	" "	♂	"
87.	2127	Onychomys	♀	"
88.	2128	"	♀	"
89.	2129	Perognathus formosus	♀	"
90.	2130	Perognathus baugsi	♂	"
91.	2131	" "	♂	"
92.	2132	" "	♀	"
93.	2133	" "	♂	"
94.	2134	Peromyscus desticolus	♂	"
95.	2135	" "	♂	"
96.	2136	" "	♀	"
97.	2137	" "	♂	"
98.	2138	Peromyscus stephensi	♂	4/2/07
99.	2139	Onychomys	♂	"
100.	2140	Peromyscus stephensi	♂	"
101.	2141	" "	♀	"
102.	2142	" "	♀	"
103.	2143	Perognathus formosus	♂	"
104.	2144	" "	♀	"
105.	2145	" "	♂	"
106.	2146	" "	♂	"
107.	2147	Reithrodontomys	♂	"
108.	2148	Peromyscus desticolus	♂	"

109.	2147	Perognathus bangsi	♂	4/2/07
110.	2150	" "	♂	"
111.	2151	Dipodomys merriami	♂	"
112.	2152	" "	♂	"
113.	2153	" "	♀	"
114.	2154	Neotoma desertorum	♂	"
115.	2155	Perognathus bangsi	♂	4/3/07
116	2156	" "	♂	"
117.	2157	" "	♂	"
118.	2158	" "	♂	"
119.	2159	" "	♂	"
120.	2160	" "	♂	"
121.	2161	Dipodomys merriami	♀	"
122.	2162	" "	♂	"

(2163 Flying Squirrel ♀ Bluff Lake, Sept. 2-05; San Bernardino Mts.; Kept alive and died at Pasadena, April 24-07.)

Embryo Catalogue (Sent to J. Y. Lee.)

1.	Microtus	3/24/07
2	Neotoma desertorum	"
3	Peromyscus s. desertícola	"
4	" " "	"
5	" " "	"
6	Dipodomys m. simiolus	"
7	Peromyscus s. desertícola	3/25/07
8	" stephensi	"
9	Neotoma desertorum	"
10	Dipodomys m. simiolus	"
11	Peromyscus s. desertícola	"
12	" "	"
13	" "	"
14	Microtus	3/26/07
15	"	"
16	Dipodomys simiolus	"
17	Peromyscus s. desertícolus	"
18.	" " "	"
19.	" " "	"
20	" "	"
21	Neotoma desertorum	3/27/07
22	Thomomys	"
23	Peromyscus s. desertícolus	"
24	Dipodomys simiolus	"
25	Ammospermophilus	"
26	Neotoma desertorum	3/28/07
27	" "	"
28	Peromyscus stephensi	"

29	Perognathus formosus	3/29/07
30	Onychomys	"
31	Peromyscus stephensi	"
32	" "	"
33	" "	"
34	" "	"
35	" "	"
36	Thomomys	3/30/07.
37	Peromyscus stephensi	"
38	Ammospermophilus leucurus	"
39	Rheithrodontomys longicaudus	"
40	Ammospermophilus leucurus	"
41	" "	"
42	" "	"
113	Perognathus formosus	3/31/07.
44	Citellus beecheyi pratori	"
45	Neotoma desertorum	"
46	Dipodomys merriami	"
47	"	"
48	Peromyscus	"
49	"	"
50	Dipodomys merriami	"
51	" "	"
52	Peromyscus stephensi	4/1/07
53	Dipodomys merriami	"
54	" "	"
55	Peromyscus stephensi.	"

56	Dipodomys merriami	4/2/07.
57	" "	"
58	" "	"
59	Microtus californicus.	"
60	Neotoma desertorum	"
61	" "	"
62	Dipodomys merriami	"
63	Peromyscus stephensi	"
64	" "	"
65	Neotoma desertorum	4/3/07.
66	Citellus beecheyi fisheri	"
67	Peromyscus desertícola	4/4/07.
68	" stephensi	"
69	Dipodomys merriami minutus	4/5/07.
70	Peromyscus desertícola.	"
71	Peromyscus stephensi	"
72	" "	"
73	" "	"
74	Ammospermophilus leucurus	"
75	" "	"
76	" "	"
77	Dipodomys merriami	"
78	Perognathus formosus	4/6/07
79	Dipodomys merriami	"
80	" "	"
81	Peromyscus stephensi	"
82	" "	"